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SUBJECT:SMITHSONIAN - RESEARCH VISIT BY ENTOMOLOGIST DAVIS

1. DR. DONALD R. DAVIS, CHAIRMAN OF ENTOMOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY (SMITHSONIAN), PLANS TO VISIT NIGERIA, SOUTH AFRICA, AND KENYA DURING PERIOD LATE JANUARY THROUGH END OF MARCH 1978 TOCONDUCT FIELD STUDIES ON CAVE INSECTS AND SMALL MOTHS.

2. DAVIS EXPACTS ARRIVE LAGOS ABOUT JANUARY 28 FOR 9 DAY VISIT TO COLLECT INSECTS IN CAVES WITH A LOCAL ENTOMOLOGIST, MR. DEMMING, AND WILL CARRY NECESSARY SMALL COLLECTING GEAR INTO NIGERIA AS BAGGAGE.

3. DAVIS HOPES ARRIVE PRETORIA ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY 7TH AND WILL VISIT TRANSVAAL MUSEUM'S ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, DR. VARI, BEFORE TRAVELING SOUTH TO MOUNTAINS NEAR CAPE
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TOWN TO COLLECT CAVE INSECTS AND MOTHS. THE TRANSVAAL MUSEUM IS EXPECTED TO ASSIGN AN ENTOMOLOGIST TO ACCOMPANY DAVIS DURING HIS FIELD RESEARCH. DAVIS EXPECTS CONCLUDE RESEARCH IN SOUTH AFRICA ABOUT END OF 3RD WEEK IN MARCH.

4. FOR JOHANNESBURG: DAVIS WILL NEED TO FORWARD ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT INCLUDING LIGHT TRAPS, BATTERIES,

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PLASTIC COLLECTING BOTTLES, ETC., (NO DANGEROUS CHEMICALS)
FOR USE IN COLLECTING MOTHS DURING SOUTH AFRICAN PORTION
OF RESEARCH. IF POST HAS NO OBJECTION, SMITHSONIAN WILL
FORWARD EQUIPMENT CARE OF REGIONAL RESOURCES OFFICER
CHARLES SWEETWOOD, AT CONGEN. TOTAL SHIPMENT WOULD COMPRISE
8 PACKAGES WITH AVERAGE WEIGHT 10 POUNDS AND NO LARGER THAN
18"X14"X13".

5. DAVIS WILL GO TO KENYA IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SOUTH
AFRICA TO COLLECT CAVE INSECTS. COLLABORATION IN KENYA
IS NOT YET CERTAIN. RESEARCH WILL BE CONCLUDED ABOUT
THE END OF MARCH. VANCE

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